

## Michaud Praises Announcement of \$77.6 Million in Federal Homeland Security Funding for Maine

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&ldquo;This funding, when it is awarded, will create jobs in Maine and improve public safety for our state and the entire nation,&rdquo; said Michaud.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) protects our nation&rsquo;s transportation systems and helps to ensure the movement of people and commerce while managing the security risks. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided an infusion of \$1 billion to the TSA to meet vital nationwide aviation security screening requirements at airports like the Portland Jetport.

According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, (CBP) up to \$45.2 million is currently allocated to go to the completion of the Houlton Focus Area Modernization. Meeting the operational requirements in Houlton, specifically the need for improved radio communications coverage along and across remote areas of the border, will drive the build-out of Radio Frequency site infrastructure (e.g., towers and equipment shelters). The remaining funding will provide the resources to purchase communications infrastructure, equipment, and services needed to modernize the CBP Tactical Communications system in the Houlton Focus Area.

Stimulus funding slated to go to Maine:

State

Project

Title/Location

Component

Account

Funds\*

ME

Hamlin

CBP

Construction

18,669,565

ME

Portland International Jetport

TSA

Aviation

Security

13,300,000

ME

Tactical  
Communications

CBP

Salaries &  
Expenses

45,200,000

ME

Emergency Food  
and Shelter Grant Assistance

FEMA

Emergency Food  
and Shelter

423,794

Maine Total

77,593,359

\* The competitive process for contracts and grants must still take place. The details will later be posted on [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)

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